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FROM EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Colleagues,

Anemia- a common accompaniment of Chronic Kidney disease is multifactorial in its causation; erythropoietin (EPO) deficiency is perhaps the major factor. Hyporesponsiveness to adequate doses of EPO is not uncommon in clinical practice. In an editorial **Dr. Sanjeev Saxena**, a senior nephrologist from Delhi, has brilliantly discussed some of the factors responsible for suboptimal response to EPO and has also suggested a few remedial measures. This issue contains two interesting original research papers published by Prof. Nitya Nand and colleagues; which bring out the issue of EPO hyporesponsiveness. Some original articles and interesting case reports from different disciplines of Medicine also appear in this issue.

There has been a renewed interest in the antimicrobial effect of metals, especially copper. Prof. Shanmugam, in an update, has excellently brought out the role of copper in combating some of hospital acquired infections. Another review article by Ms. Supriya Saxena- a brilliant student of Biotechnology, focuses on the medicinal value of plants, especially in the neurodegenerative disorders, where allopathic medication has very little to offer.

Prof. Hem Chandra a medical administrator par excellence from SGPGI, Lucknow has been kind enough to contribute a *symposium* on 'Evidence Based Hospital Administration: Do the Administrators need Research?' a subject never discussed before in JIMSA. I am confident that with the fast changing scenario of hospital administration, the contents of the symposium will benefit the administrators and also the medical fraternity, at large.

I am thankful to all the authors who have contributed to this issue of JIMSA.

Wishing all readers of JIMSA a very happy, healthy and prosperous year 2016.

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