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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues

The present issue of JIMSA covers wide ranging topics of day to day interest. *Editorial review* on 'skin manifestation of sexually transmitted diseases' is based on the original article published in this issue, covering various cutaneous features of HIV. Recent estimates reveal that India has the country with second largest population of HIV-infected subjects and physicians across the country are now confronting the varied manifestations of this devastating infection more frequently than ever before. This editorial is brilliantly written by Dr. J.K. Maniar; I am extremely grateful to him for this pains-taking effort. Published in this issue are two update articles on 'free radicals – a relatively new concept' in the genesis of disease and associated complications, is an exhaustive review of the latest published work by Prof. P. Nigam; another review of the 'vaccine preventable diseases' by Prof. A.P. Dubey deals with the common childhood infections-old and new; some of these have not only been successfully prevented by timely vaccination but there are others which have been eradicated or are on the verge of complete eradication; both the articles will be of immense interest to the clinicians. A series of interesting original articles and case reports, appearing in this issue come from different disciplines of Medicine; under the column *update in therapy* some of currently used drugs, in the practical treatment of a common clinical disorder 'osteoporosis', has been elaborately dealt with by Prof. Kamlesh Kohli. Also included in this issue is a **symposium** on '**Advances in neonatology**' which has been well planned by **Dr. Satish Saluja** – guest editor. The subjects selected for the symposium have been contributed by experts in the field of neonatology & pediatrics. and will surely provide useful information to the readers of JIMSA. I am extremely grateful to Dr. Satish Saluja and other contributors to the symposium.

JIMSA now has its own website www.jimsaonline.com for the last one year; fellows/members and even non fellows and non members can have free access to the full text of the articles from July-Sept. 2003 onwards by using *password* – 'userjimsa'. I request all the readers to visit the website as frequently as possible and send their suggestions for improvement. You may also spread message about the JIMSA website to your colleagues & friends.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of editorial /advisory boards and other peer reviewer, for their help at different stages of this publication. I also extend my grateful thanks to various pharmaceutical firms for financial help. **Wishing all the readers a very happy and prosperous Year 2005.**

P.D. Gulati



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