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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Hospital acquired infections are often associated with antibiotic resistance, especially those caused by staphylococci. Prof. N.S. Neki, in an editorial, in this issue, has brilliantly discussed various aspects of this problem, frequently encountered in ICU setting. In a surveillance study from East Sikkim, the authors have emphasised the role of nasal carriage of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA): the prevalence reported was 11%; interestingly the population residing close to the hospital did not pose a greater risk. In the other two original articles, CT and MRI have been reported to be powerful diagnostic tools in conditions like carcinoma colon & flourosis, respectively. An exhaustive review of poisoning by organophosphorous compounds highlights the harmful systemic effects of this poison: a need for a proper regulation for the use & storage of this compound has been rightly emphasised. A discussion about the health related challenges and opportunities afforded by the reproductive system during adolescence is well deserved, considering that 1/5th of India's population is in the adolescent age.

Paediatric Nephrology is an upcoming speciality in India. The spectrum and clinical course of Kidney Diseases is somewhat different in children from that seen in adults. The present issue of JIMSA contains a symposium on "Paediatric Nephrology". I sincerely thank **Dr. Sanjeev Gulati** for agreeing to be the Guest Editor for this symposium. The symposium covers wide ranging topics starting from nocturnal enuresis, nephrotic syndrome, obstructive uropathy to the ultimate devastating consequence of End Stage Renal Disease, requiring expensive renal replacement therapy: The write-ups have been contributed by experts from the country and abroad. I once again extend my gratitude to Dr. Sanjeev Gulati and other contributors of this excellent symposium.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of Editorial and Advisory Boards for their assistance and also the various pharmaceutical firms, without whose help this publication would not have been possible.

*I wish to extend my good wishes to all readers of JIMSA for a
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year 2009*

P. D. Gulati

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