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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues

From time to time, it is important to ponder about the past, look at the present critically and also make an attempt to get a glimpse of the future; it is with this objective that every issue of JIMSA focuses on topics of current interest belonging to different disciplines of medicine through scientific editorials, updates, symposia, special issues. JIMSA instituted "best published article award" in the year 2005, so as to attract the medical professionals to contribute quality articles in JIMSA. The members of Editorial/Advisory boards of JIMSA planning to bring in more such incentives for contributors.

There is a growing and justified concern about the public health and economic impact of increasing population of diabetics in the country; India is emerging as the "Diabetics capital of the World". Oral hypoglycemic agents (OHA) have all along been the sheet anchor of drug treatment, especially for the large number of Type diabetic. During the last decade certain path breaking discoveries of new molecules have revolutionized the overall treatment and outcome of diabetes. An editorial by **Prof. Dinesh Dhanwal** contains an excellent critical appraisal of the new developments in OHA therapy. I am extremely grateful to him for his pains-taking efforts Published in the issue, is an update on "Anomia Management" which has adverse social implications; Another article describes a relatively complex surgical procedure which is perhaps the only hope for restoring sight in desperate cases of corneal blindness. Critical analysis of the 'Dangers from polluted water supply' provided in the article by Prof. D.S. Bhargava is quite relevant from public health point of view. A series of interesting original articles and case reports from different specialities appearing in this issue will, undoubtedly, provide useful reading. The issue also contains a **Symposium on Menorrhagia: Management Strategies** by **Professor Shubha S. Trivedi** of Lady harding Medical College New Delhi; I am extremely grateful to Prof. Trivedi and other contributors to the Symposium for brilliantly highlighting important aspects like diagnostic workup, medical and surgical treatment, of this common gynecological condition.

I take this opportunity to thank editorial/advisory board members for their help and suggestions; I am also thankful to various pharmaceutical firms for their help without which this publication will not have been possible.

*Wish to extend my good wishes to all readers of JIMSA for a
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year 2010*

P. D. Gulati

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