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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

Infection in neutropenic patients is often associated with high mortality; prompt diagnosis and treatment of both infection and neutropenia can be life saving. Challenges faced by the clinician while dealing with such cases include microbiological documentation, choice of antibiotics, antibiotic resistance, risk assessment and unsatisfactory outcome. I am extremely grateful to **Dr. Manoranjan Mahapatra** for contributing an editorial on the subject which brilliantly highlights some of the pertinent issues. This publication contains interesting original research papers and case reports by authors from different disciplines of medicine. An article by **Dr. M.R.Shinde** and his colleagues which focuses on the necessity of setting up of cytogenetic laboratory with biochemistry backup even at the district level, appears justified in view of the large number of children born in our country with genetic disorders. Adolescent girls comprise 20% of India's population and are vulnerable to reproductive health problems; an article by **Dr. Ankur Barua** appearing in this issue analyses the knowledge skills regarding menstruation, menstrual hygiene etc.

The present issue contains a **symposium on Medical Disorders In Pregnancy** contributed and edited by **Prof. J.B. Sharma** from All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Dr Sharma is an academician having several national and international honors to his credit. He has been actively involved in research projects related to the problem. Various topics like anemia, hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular illness, hepatitis and epilepsy have been discussed in detail by experts in these areas. I am extremely grateful to **Prof. J.B.Sharma** and other contributors of the symposium.

I am confident the readers of JIMSA will be benefited by reading the scientific material published in this issue.

P. D. Gulati

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