

Letter to the Editor



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Respected Seniors and Dear Readers,

Greetings !

It is an honour and a privilege to serve as the new Editor of the *Journal, Indian Academy of Clinical Medicine*. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Prof. AK Agarwal, my teacher, mentor, guide and life-coach, under whom I started my journey with *JACM* doing proof-reading and editing. Subsequently, I served as Secretary, Assistant Editor and Associate Editor under Prof. BB Rewari, Prof. DG Jain and Prof. MPS Chawla, respectively. I had immense learning under each of these doyens of Clinical Medicine and am eager to build upon the foundations established by them.

JACM has endured and persevered for many decades and held up a shining beacon of light for Clinical Medicine. But, currently we face huge challenges, both logistic and financial. However, the Editorial team at *JACM* with support of Governing body Members of *Indian Association of Clinical Medicine* shall endeavour to overcome these and maintain (No, improve!) the content, diversity, delivery and visibility of *JACM*. *We will continue to uphold the highest standards in scientific publishing, encouraging authors to adhere to ethical publishing guidelines.*

I urge our esteemed readers to contribute a wider variety of articles, especially Images, Letters to Editor, Invited Editorials from renowned clinical leaders, Patients' Perspectives, Clinical Methods and even on Ethics and Communication. For the journal to grow and prosper, it should be visible, attractive and accessible to a wider audience. *I request you to inform, invite and involve your students, colleagues and friends from India and abroad to read and contribute to JACM.*

Our online presence (www.jiacm.in) and archive of past issues, from 2017 onwards, is a free and easily accessible resource for all readers. *We have planned to digitise our older issues, so that the huge repository of knowledge is retained and passed on.*

I would like to thank the Editorial team at *JACM*, comprising of Dr Vipin Mediratta (Associate Editor) and Dr Amit Aggarwal (Secretary) for their unwavering support. I can assure the readers that we are fully committed towards ensuring an enriched learning experience for you. *We are always available for suggestions (and critiques) for the journal, by phone, email or Whatsapp.*

My gratitude to the Editorial board members and reviewers for giving their time and expertise towards reviewing the manuscripts. You are the heart of the journal. Shri Yashpal Satmukhi is undoubtedly, the backbone and *sutradhaar* of the show. Without him, the journal would not see the light of the day. His deft handling of all aspects of the journal is praiseworthy and gratefully acknowledged.

Friends, a huge responsibility has been entrusted upon me. I seek the blessings of my immediate past Editor, Prof MPS Chawla, for guidance and continued support while helming the journal.

I look forward to continuing the ascent of *JACM* and supporting the growth and impact of Clinical Medicine.

Warm Regards,

Jai Hind!

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