

From the Editor



*“The only good is knowledge
and the only evil is ignorance.”*

– Socrates.

It has been my proud privilege and honour to edit widely read *JIACM*. I have been associated with the Journal in various capacities for the past 20 years or so. It has been a unique experience and has been helpful in my professional growth. With this issue, as my second 3-year term as Editor of this esteemed Journal comes to an end, it is time to thank profusely all our contributing authors and readers who have made this journey a memorable and enriching experience. The *potpourri* of contributions to the Journal have enhanced the richness of its pages by adding to the pool of practical and clinical knowledge in all areas of internal medicine. The *JIACM* has always maintained its unique style of presentation – reader friendly and easy on the eye while catering to the clinically relevant academic needs of our esteemed internist colleagues. Since each issue deserves to be preserved for future reference – whether clinical research or practice – we have been uploading issues on our website from the Editor for free access by one and all. This has been a boon for post-graduate students, teachers and practicing internists.

As of today, there are very few journals in the Indian subcontinent which are dedicated exclusively to the art and science of clinical medicine. With a sense of satisfaction, joy, and professional pride, I can say that the *Journal, Indian Academy of Clinical Medicine (JIACM)* is one such unique instrument which has inspired and whetted the academic appetite of thousands of internists – whether engaged in the clinical departments of medical institutions or practicing independently in private setups. The last few decades have seen the *JIACM*'s footprint reach the length and breadth of our country, in effect guiding physicians by updating their knowledge and clinical skills. Each and every offering by the contributing author(s) never goes in vain as there is always a new and novel take-home point for the readers. Knowledge thus gained eventually translates into better, optimal, and safer management strategies for patients, thus enhancing the quality of healthcare services available to society.

Globally, print editions of medical journals are facing the challenge of rising production, postage, and handling costs – especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. The *JIACM* is no exception. At times, we too have been left with no option, but to club 2 issues. Nevertheless, this has never impacted our editorial and production standards. We have managed to stay out of the commercial angle of taking money and accepting articles for publication and have tried to maintain high academic standards.

I thank and congratulate Dr Sumeet Singla and Dr Vipin Mediratta and wish them the very best as they assume the charge as the next Editor and Associate Editor respectively. I am thankful to Dr Amit Aggarwal for all his hard work as Joint Secretary. I am ever grateful to Members of the Editorial Board for their untiring efforts. I am indebted to the IACM President Dr KK Pareek, and all office bearers and members for guidance and support at all times.

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Long live *JIACM*, Jai Hind

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