

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It was an unusual year, 2020, working with COVID-19 and its consequences. It must have been an unusual experience with other colleague editors too. We had to shut down our office from April to June, 2020. All of us were working from home, flexible timings due to electricity load shedding and wifi availability. We pulled through successfully. There were no gross delays and all were safe. It was a unique experience. It also proved that all of us need motivation to work in all circumstances no matter how adverse they may be. The lockdown provided ample time to authors and new articles started pouring in for processing. The work increased for us and our reviewers. We sailed through with grace. It was difficult to select research articles, especially on COVID-19, which being a new subject became very popular with the authors of every status including medical students. The articles were not of good standard, obviously due to the subject being new and not much known about it. Other leading international journals did publish articles on COVID-19 and some were controversial whereas others had to be retracted. We took a decision of not publishing any article on COVID-19 for at least a year. We then took up the challenge of bringing out a Special Supplement titled, "COVID-19, Transforming Global Health". This document with commentaries on all aspects of the virus was published in record time of two months. The credit goes to all the authors from around the globe and especially to our friend and advisor, Sanjay Kalra from India. The document is available on the open-access JPMA website. Thank you all friends who contributed.

As always, I extend my gratitude to our peer reviewers, the heart of the journal. The stats reviewers. Bibliographers, Copy editors, Printer, lay-out experts and our web experts owe extreme recognition and appreciation. Our special section editors, Dr. Aamna Hasan for Images, Dr. Shahzad Shamim for Neuro Oncology and Dr. Sanjay Kalra for Advances in Endocrinology and Primary Care Diabetes have given us unique articles for their sections. They deserve a big token of thanks.

Asra Sajid (Editor Student's Corner) and Chandni are taking care of their student responsibilities efficiently. They have gained tremendous experience which can be translated by them at a later stage.

Thanks are extended to our Board Members who have been coming in regularly to help out with the office work. Thank you Dr. Sina Aziz, Dr. Huma Qureshi, Dr. Syed Muhammad Mobin and Dr. Anwar Siddiqui. The PMA office bearers who's support we need continuously are acknowledged. Dr. Anwar Khawja, our Managing Secretary is always present for helping us out. This is highly appreciated. All our office staff, led by Mr. Abdul Majid deserve a big thank you as they are the backbone of the journal.

A Prayer goes out for colleagues who helped JPMA in any way in the past and are no more with us now. I wish all affiliated colleagues and friends of JPMA, **A Very Happy and Healthy New Year, 2021.**


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