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*To search.....to know.....to share*

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**FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR’S DESK:**

According to the World Health Organization, “Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”. In the context of a fast-paced world, good health is a virtue which often tends to be ignored or overlooked when measuring wellbeing and success. However, awareness of the benefits of good health and the proactive measures, both preventive and therapeutic needed to ensure it, is definitely increasing through interactions between the experts in the health care fields and those eager to keep abreast with the changing times. These interactions take place in the form of CMEs, workshops, conferences, debates at the local, national and international levels and also through newsletters, periodicals and scientific journals.

A scientific journal is a very important tool in the hands of the medical fraternity since it gathers information and work carried out in various parts of the world and disseminates it to a world-wide audience. However, getting visibility for your observations, findings, interpretations and opinions in the form of publications is a task by itself which all of us at some stage or the other have encountered or will encounter.

Keeping this in mind, the launch of the Journal of International Medicine and Dentistry (JIMD) is a step in that direction towards ensuring that your research work, analysis and interpretations, usual or unusual observations and opinions is made easily accessible for the international community to pore through, scrutinize and if possible incorporate the positives in the initiation of new programs, alter existing protocols or take an entirely different approach to handling commonly encountered problems in delivering quality healthcare. JIMD will strive to be a one-stop shop of work being done in various parts of the world and bring information in all disciplines of Medical and Dental sciences within its ambit which will foster opportunities for further collaborative research and projects. This should have a useful impact on clinical practice and healthcare in the long run.

Today, in addition to faculty in teaching and research fields, undergraduate and post-graduate students are also evincing keen interest in research activities because it gives them a hands-on experience to apply the knowledge gained in the classrooms. This opens up a world of opportunities and options for them once they complete their studies. With this in mind, the journal offers incentives to students to publish their work. For faculty, acquiring publications is slowly but surely becoming a critical requirement towards complying with regulatory guidelines, ensuring timely elevation at work places and also getting due credit for the hard work put in over years. For researchers, this is another avenue to get visibility for their tireless efforts towards the good of humankind.

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To ensure that the journal remains in focus, establishes and maintains its quality over time, the articles sent to the journal will be subjected to a 'Peer reviewing' process before being made freely accessible on the World Wide Web for now. We hope to bring out good quality and timely publications without bias. We will be bringing out a print version of the journal very soon after a few issues.

As the journal logo suggests, the open book is knowledge encompassing both medical and dental fields for the entire globe to partake of. The lamp is the light of knowledge which enlightens the world. This journal is for all who thirst for knowledge (to search), who strive to gain wisdom (to know), and who disseminate information (to share) for the benefit of all.

On a closing note, I wish to thank my editorial team, my Associate editors, Dr. Dominic R.M. Saldanha and Dr. Neville K.J. Fernandez for their wholehearted and unstinted support and Pacesoft Technologies for the website designing and maintenance. Our profound thanks also go to the editorial board members, national and international, who have kindly consented to be a part of this academic initiative. We must mention our profound gratitude to our teachers who inculcated in us the art and science of writing and publishing articles without which we wouldn't be where we are now. Feel free to write in to us at [editor@jimd.in](mailto:editor@jimd.in) with your opinions and suggestions to make the journal more user friendly and to make publishing a delightful and stress-free experience.

It would do well to remember what James Keller said- **“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle”**.



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