

Dear fellow academicians,

Season's greetings

The 2nd issue of the year 2019 is a mixed bag of review articles on different pediatric infectious diseases.

In continuation with the trend and the format of the journal, a case discussion is made in the "The case records of KKCTH" section.

The glimpses of the recent updates in pediatric infectious diseases feature in the Journal watch.

Practice pearls appear in the Immunology corner.

There is a need to break the cycle of subdued interest to contribute an article to a non-indexed publication – difficulty in maintaining the time line – delay in getting the publication indexed.

We appeal to every member of the pediatric fraternity to contribute to the journal and help it get indexed.

Antimicrobial stewardship at all levels of practice is the need of the hour. Given the challenge we face of the healthcare system with a mix of practitioners from allopathy and non-allopathic stream, there is a need to customize the antimicrobial stewardship to suit our healthcare setting. Hyderabad Declaration made at the recently concluded annual scientific conference of the IAP ID chapter is yet another step in the march to combat the rising antimicrobial resistance. The "Antimicrobial" section has been reintroduced from this issue.

Wishing you a happy reading

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