MESSAGE FROM EDITORIAL DESK

It is my pleasure to write the Editorial column. The idea of a Journal of Chitwan Medical College (JCMC) has been germinating for over few years and finally second issue has come to fruition. The Chitwan Medical College is grateful to the contributors for making this Journal a reality. The Editorial Board is represented by members of CMC with support and contributions from all the medical fraternities. In time, the JCMC will become a recognized forum for learning and exchange of ideas by and for medical professionals in Nepal and abroad.

An important decision made by the Editorial Board prior to launch was that the journal must be for the many and not just for a few who are engaged in clinical research. All of us, whether we are doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dentists or in any other field of health care, must take a greater responsibility for managing and solving the many unique health issues and problems that we face in our regions. We must engage in research and voice our opinions by publishing them in this, our local journal. To ensure wide readership, the journal will carry a variety of articles of general interest, as well as scientific articles, based on topics relevant to our region. With so many categories, I am sure that all of you will be able to make regular contributions to this journal. I encourage the new generation of medical doctors and allied health professionals to create and publish new research data in this journal and adopt critical thinking habits to address our health problems. This journal should also encourage international research collaborations that result in joint publications of high international standards.

Finally I want to thank my Editorial Board for their tireless contributions and efforts to make JCMC a reality. Thanks also to our reviewers, both local and international, who provided invaluable peer review to ensure substandard articles were revised appropriately or in some cases rejected. This is a major milestone for the medical fraternity in Nepal and I encourage all my colleagues in the health care sector, both public and private, to embrace and support this journal. The continuing success of this journal should give us a sense of pride and achievement. Please contribute articles to this journal in a timely manner to ensure it becomes an important forum for the exchange of medical ideas and knowledge which will ultimately translate to better health.

Best Regards,

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Editor in Chief