

PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

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I was brought up to believe that the only thing worth doing was to add to the sum of accurate information in the world. - *Margaret Mead*

This thought amply reflects the purpose of the JCDR. Tremendous advancements have been made in the field of Medicine during the last 50 years. This has affected the quality of human life to a great extent and has made a profound impact on society as a whole. The rate of advancements in this field is so high that it needs one to have a re-look at strategies to cope with its application.

Kahlil Gibran once said - "A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle". Knowledge has to be disseminated in order to be effective and applicative. The World Wide Web has come to stay and it has this tremendous capacity to extend its strands to every nook and corner of the world to seek, provide and distribute knowledge for the welfare of human society.

The major objective of the JCDR journal is to encourage physicians through the Internet, especially from the developing countries who witness a spectrum of disease and acquire a wealth of knowledge to publish their experiences to benefit the medical community. In its effort to reach out to these physicians who may lack the motivation or may be facing constraints of time, the JCDR also offers a variety of services which include - peer review, proof reading, setting up of the bibliography, and English language improvement.

I also felt it necessary to include a 'reward element' to the publication. After all a physician who has taken the time and effort to publish his findings/experiences does deserve a reward.

The journal, in addition to publishing original research, aims at becoming the vehicle for publication of the findings of doctors at ground level and young postgraduate students. It will also provide detailed commentaries from senior experienced physicians in the country. The topics covered in the journal will be of relevance to physicians, researchers, and specialists alike.

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Regards

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