

## From the Desk of Editor in Chief



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I am truly honored to have been selected as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Pakistan Journal of Kidney Diseases. I am also very proud to be working unitedly with an outstanding team of Editor, Associate and Assistant Editors and members of the Editorial Board. The latter have been selected as a balanced representation of the leadership in our field. This is an editorial team that is fully engaged and committed to the success of this journal. In this new era of the research and available material on finger tips there are a number of changes that I would like to highlight to the journal's readers, as we are confident such changes will appeal to a wide range of academic and clinical interests.

First, our journal will have a new cover that will be collectively designed by our leadership team that aim to represent the global network of our community of nephrology. We recognize the importance of ensuring that our journal represents the work and research being conducted not only in country or region but all over the world, and at the same time also highlights key issues critical to patients not only in low-resource countries but also in developed countries.

Second, the journal will feature Original Articles that showcase important and innovative work within the field of nephrology, and in each journal issue the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors will select a Lead Article that they feel contains research of a particularly high caliber and/ or scientific impact. This article will have an accompanying Lead Article Editorial, and if possible a podcast by the authors outlining the relevance of their work and its applicability to current clinical practice.

Third, the journal will feature a new section entitled Randomized Control Trials (RCT). In this segment we will highlight the protocol details of prospective multi-institutional trials that are currently ongoing or due to begin. The aim of RCT is to increase readers' awareness of the specifics of such protocols and provide them with opportunities for collaboration.

Fourth, each issue will include at least one custom built Review Article written by well-recognized figures in our field, so that journal readers can be explained about the most up-to date literature on relevant and current topics.

Fifth, another very exciting feature of the journal will be Case Studies. These comprise cases presented in the format of a multi-disciplinary conference, or monthly PSN meetings where the presenters will provide case details with input from pathologists and radiologists, with a skilled discussant answering key questions on management decision and counseling for the patient concerned.

Sixth, we will have a feature entitled Corners of the World. This will be a short synopsis of the experiences of members of our global community of nephrologists describing their work in rural and disadvantaged regions of the world, with an emphasis on how such work impacts on patient care. There is tremendously valuable work being done by many nephrologists that often goes unrecognized and we aim to provide a forum to showcase its impact.

Lastly, we have implemented a targeted social media campaign that will facilitate rapid and easy access to upcoming articles in the journal as well as a forum for readers to participate in monthly journal clubs.

In summary, we want our journal to be your primary source of information in nephrology. As Editor-in-Chief, I recognize the value authors place on high-quality and unbiased peer review conducted in a timely manner. We aim to implement rigorous peer review criteria, and this will be reflected in the quality of published articles. We also want to encourage all those who are interested in being part of this energetic and enthusiastic team to contact us, as we will welcome your contribution. We invite colleagues working in related disciplines such as, internal medical, pathology, radiology, and urology to consider our journal as an appropriate medium for the publication of your own high-quality research. I am excited to be embarking on this very important role and wish to express my gratitude to the leadership and the selection committee of the Pakistan Society of Nephrology for selecting me as the new Editor-in-Chief of this journal of our own society. I would also like to thank Dr Aizaz Mand Ahmad and his editorial team for all the years that they have devoted to the growth and development of the journal. In addition, I would like to thank our Managing Editor for his continued and substantial assistance with the publication of the journal. As expressed by past Editor in Chief that things had been tough for Journal over last few years, we will try to come over those short comings with help of all our editorial team members. Thank you all once again for your amazing support and continued efforts aimed at ensuring that the Pakistan Journal of Kidney Diseases get recognition as the leading journal in its field.

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