

From the Desk of Editor in Chief
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The year is ending today and we enter the NEW YEAR with new thoughts and energies for the our journal, PJKD. The last few years had been tough for the world due to the pandemic and otherwise. Things had not been particularly better for PJKD due to low levels of submissions and it required some more energy and support from the Pakistan Society of Nephrology (PSN). The journal was initiated mainly to highlight the kidney diseases faced by the Pakistani nephrologists and any publication from around the world. It therefore requires more commitments from the nephrology community from Pakistan and PSN is the right body to make effort for that. PSN executive committee, its President Professor Dr Ejaz Ahmad, Vice president Dr. Mateen Akram and General Secretary Dr. Salman Imtiaz in their recent meetings reiterated the commitment to the cause of research and endorsed the role of PJKD in this regard. It was also decided that PJKD needs some submission fee to cover the costs of publications since it is an open access journal. The submission fee will be decided and announced in the PJKD website.

It was the efforts by the contributing nephrologists from across Pakistan, particularly Professor Dr Muhammad Anees, Professor Dr Waqar Ahmad, Dr Robina Naqvi, Dr Salman Imtiaz, Dr Ahad Qayyum, Dr Omer Sabir and many others since 2017, that we have carried on. I would like to highlight here especially Professor Dr Waqar Ahmad for providing us the important data from the PKRDS registry that was able to convince other members of nephrology community about the importance of the data.

It gives me pleasure to announce that Professor Dr Robina Naqvi, a senior nephrologist from the esteemed Sindh Institute of Urology Transplantation, Karachi will be the next Chief Editor of PJKD starting 1st January 2024. She brings with her the enthusiasm of a researcher, mentor, collaborator, and a true leader in academics. She has to her credit, number of publications and a respect from the nephrology community in Pakistan. The last issue of year 2024 includes an important review about deceased donor transplantation by Professor Dr. Robina Naqvi. These are the difficult and important questions that require attention by our nephrology community that have huge implications.

I am sure her tenure will help with the support of PSN to improve upon the journal standing nationally and internationally. I have also advised that we need to involve our biostatistician to improve the caliber of the publications. I welcome her and congratulate her on this very important role and will be always available as part of the advisory board.