

**From the Desk of Editor In-Chief  
Professor Dr. Aizaz Mand Ahmad**



Nephrology as a field has evolved amidst a lot of resistance from different quarters to accept it as a separate subject. With due time and the epidemic of Diabetes Mellitus has added a huge burden of kidney disease patients and helped in recognizing nephrology as a specialty. In this issue Dr. Waqar Ahmad, President Pakistan Society of Nephrology (PSN) highlights some of the issues and future needs of the country.

This article also includes important studies including the vascular access patterns from this largest study so far from Pakistan. Other studies relate to the bone mineral disease and correlation of creatinine clearance with estimated equation in Pakistani population.

This issue also includes the new addition of acid base and electrolyte section by our worthy teacher Professor Dr. Tahir Shafi. With these and more ideas to come, we look forward for further expanding the horizon.

Lastly, Dr. Nabiha Rizvi was presented with a check of Rs. 16,000/- for research grant from PSN president Dr. Waqar Ahmad along with Professor Dr. Tahir Shafi. This is just the beginning and we have a fund now of Rs 100,000/- available for distribution to the residents and practicing Nephrologists for supporting research activities. Everyone is advised to send the requests for research grants to me or PSN president. With research we will be able to look at our community more closely identifying our problems and finding solutions as we move forward.