

From The Desk of Editor-in-Chief

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PJKD is a new addition to the medical journals in Pakistan. We are observing a huge increase in the number of patients with kidney diseases ending up on dialysis. The allocated budget will not be able to match the ever increasing numbers of dialysis patients. The medical community has to come up with the answers as to why there is such a burden of kidney disease in our community? We need to find out the etiologies and devise ways to prevent the occurrence of kidney diseases.

Meaningful research and directed research, answering the questions pertaining to our local needs, is desirable as a short term goal. Truth is, we need to act fast and act now, otherwise we will be at the mercy of chronic diseases eating up our valuable lives and major chunk of healthcare budget. Long term implication of research will be creating the environment in our universities to promote bench research that could be translated into bedside in the future. Our universities and scientists are capable of coming up to the expectations of our community. Pakistan has produced a large number of scientists who have contributed significantly to the research all over the world.

In this first clinical issue of PJKD we have included eight original articles and an editorial commentary. We encourage our physicians to contribute from their local experiences as this will mount up to be a great data base for future research and patient care.

With this in mind the PJKD team has created a fund for research worth half a million that will be distributed yearly for research proposals selected through a process of evaluation. We hope that we will be able to make some difference in the lives of kidney patients and community by devising ways and means to prevent kidney diseases in Pakistan.