



EDITORIAL

How often do we see a carcinoma of the male breast? Though rare we do come across one, once in a while. We have a case report on the same from our hospital. We have more case reports on a wide variety of specialities: lateral ventricle choroid plexus papilloma, bilateral proptosis in cortical sinus thrombosis, anaesthetic management of blunt abdominal trauma, and Ramsay Hunt syndrome. Each one of these case reports commands great academic interest on its own merit.

Every cataract surgery is aimed at restoring the subjects' vision to the best possible degree. However, the results are not always pink. Among our original contributions we have a study on the causes of non improvement of vision in pseudophakic eye. Simple basic laboratory procedures and techniques can give great results. This is the key message you will get in the article on wet mount preparation of appendicular faecoliths (in biopsy specimen). The article on fine needle aspiration cytology of thyroid nodule(s) stresses the importance of FNAC as an invaluable and minimally invasive procedure for pre-operative assessment of patients with thyroid nodule(s).

In the Review Article section there is a beautiful review on Apoptosis, meticulously simplified and very well presented. It will tickle your mind (it has tickled mine already). It is a great piece of work. We will be hearing a lot more on apoptosis in the near future. Psychiatric Emergencies is another article of great interest especially for the non-psychiatrists. Failure to diagnose a traumatic hip dislocation is not that uncommon, especially in the developing countries. The article on old unreduced post-traumatic posterior dislocation of hip analyses the causes and standard treatment options. Tympanoplasty is another review article which is self explanatory and presented in a simple style. The role of methylprednisolone in spinal cord injury is discussed in a simplified way in our last review article. All these articles are of great interest to specialists and non-specialists alike.

We are starting a series on image interpretations in our Professional Quotient section. Our aim is to sensitise and equip the general medical fraternity on basic medical imag-

ing interpretations which has become a crying need now with a dearth of experienced qualified radiologists. Of course, the medical imaging specialists and radiology residents also may find these images of some interest. This time the focus is on CT brain. A set of select CT images are given as brain teasers. Common CT images are being offered now as a starter. More complicated ones will follow in subsequent editions.

It has been a great pleasure editing this issue of the Caduceus. The hard pioneering work has already been done by my colleague Dr. Henry B. Nongrum who had edited the inaugural issue of Caduceus. Dr. Henry had to leave station in short notice for a one-year Fellowship in Head and Neck Cancer Surgery in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Hence the responsibility of bringing out the journal fell on my shoulders. For this current edition my work has been confined mostly to give the final touches to a product which had already been shaped by Dr. Henry. As with any new venture or project, there have been a number of obstacles and hiccoughs in bringing out our journal too. Every effort has been made to maintain the standards which we have set for ourselves and I am glad that we have been able to meet the publication deadlines. Your feed back and criticism will help us assess where we stand as far as the journal is concerned. Any criticism will be gladly accepted in a positive note and we will strive to improve on the deficient areas and better the standards we achieve.

The Editorial Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the contributors especially the outstation authors who have gladly agreed to share their knowledge through the medium of our journal. We beg to apologise for not being able to acknowledge each contributor individually here. We look forward to having more contributions from across the medical community in the subsequent editions too.

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